

FY 2012 Tribal Consultation Accomplishment Summary

Regional Intertribal Coordination/Consultation Meetings Sponsored by MTSO:

January 12, 2012 Hydraulic Fracturing on Public Lands: Tribal Consultation Session in Billings, MT

January 23, 2012 OSM/BLM Stakeholder and Tribal Consultation Meeting, Billings, MT

March 7-8, 2012 – Montana and Wyoming Tribal Preservation Summit – Billings, MT
(co-sponsored with Bureau of Indian Affairs- focus on new Interior Tribal Consultation Policy and new Programmatic Agreement)

March 23-24, 2012 – Regional Intertribal Workshop – Pierre, SD – (focus on new Interior Tribal Consultation Policy and new Programmatic Agreement)

May 22-23, 2012 – Regional Intertribal Workshop – Pierre, SD – (focus on Oil and Gas Leasing process and Harding County Leases)

Project Specific Tribal Consultation Meetings where MTSO was represented:

January 25-26, 2012 – Tongue River Railroad Project - Rapid City, SD (Surface Transportation Board lead agency)

February 14-14, 2012 – Dewey Burdock Uranium Recovery – Rapid City, SD (Nuclear Regulatory Commission lead agency)

Scheduling of Government-to-Government Meetings on Hydraulic Fracturing:

July 19, 2012 – Crow Tribe

July 19, 2012 – Blackfeet Tribe

August 23, 2012 – Ft. Belknap Indian Community

September 10, 2012 – Ft. Peck Sioux and Assiniboiné Tribes

September 11, 2012 – Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

September 17, 2012 – Blackfeet Tribe

September 26, 2012 – Rosebud Sioux Tribe

Partnerships Developed:

Cooperative Agreement developed with the Crow Tribe Historic Preservation Office to assist in the facilitation of Regional Inter-Tribal Workshops (\$60,000).

Cost Share Agreement with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes to sponsor the “Bridging the Divide: A Natural and Cultural Resource Field Camp for Tribal High School Youth” (\$15,000). This year’s field camp will focus on Riparian Ecosystems, Theme: “Beaver on Trial: Examination of the Hydrological and Ecological impacts of Beaver on Riparian Ecosystems”. The 2012 field camp will be held June 24-30, 2012 in partnership with the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest.

Cooperative Agreement with Salish-Kootenai College to develop a formal cultural and natural resources internship program with the Missoula Field Office (\$15,000).

Cooperative Agreement with Chief Dull Knife College for expansion of the Bridging the Divide: A Natural and Cultural Resources Field Camp for Tribal High School Youth. Program will be merged with the college's Upward Bound Program (\$20,000 received from the WO Executive Orders Program). Conducted in partnership with the Northern Cheyenne Nation, the Ashland District of the Custer National Forest, and the Miles City Field Office the initial program was held June 18-July 22.

Cooperative Agreement with Chief Dill Knife College to conduct an Ecoregional Ethnographic Assessment pilot program (\$100,000 received from the Rapid Ecoregional Assessment initiative to initiate the project). The **goals of the study** are to: 1) initiate a process to identify, document, evaluate, and map places of traditional religious or cultural significance to the tribe; 2) identify culturally important plant and animal species, and their associated ecosystems, that are critical for the maintenance of Northern Cheyenne culture and traditions; 3) delineate appropriate conservation elements; and 4) assess the potential effects of identified change agents upon identified conservation elements.

Crow Elder Fieldtrip to the first Crow Agency near Livingston, MT (July 10, 2012). The trip was sponsored in partnership with Montana State University- Project Archaeology, and the Gallatin National Forest. Crow elders were given a tour of Ft. Parker and the BLM Undaunted Stewardship Interpretive Development.

Support for ongoing Planning and NEPA Efforts

Provided comprehensive reviews and input for various drafts of the Miles City and South Dakota Resource Management Plans.

Provided comprehensive reviews and input for the four Montana/Dakotas Oil and Gas lease sale Environmental Assessments.

Provided input and advice for the Mountain States Transmission Intertie Project and development of the Programmatic Agreement and scopes of work for ethnographic studies.

Participated in ongoing tribal consultation efforts for the Dewey-Burdock Uranium Recovery Project in South Dakota, at the request of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission which is acting as lead agency.

Provided support for tribal consultation efforts on projects for various Field Offices including: Dillon, Butte, Lewistown, Miles City, and South Dakota.